

April 7, 2017

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, *Procedures for Commission Review of State Opt-Out Requests from the FirstNet Radio Access Network*, PS Docket No. 16-269

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, Tami M. Barron, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern Linc, and Kristin H. Dial, Manager of External Affairs and Compliance at Southern Linc, met with Nese Gundelsberger, Acting Bureau Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The meeting participants discussed the Commission's role in reviewing state proposals to opt out from a planned deployment of a Federal broadband communications system by the First Responder Network Authority or FirstNet. Ms. Barron and Ms. Dial explained that nothing in the Commission's review process should disfavor state plans that incorporate both a radio access network and a core network into the broadband communications networks that states may wish to deploy to support first responders in their jurisdictions.

Please contact me with any questions about this submission.

Sincerely,

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